



**Village of Rycroft  
Request for Decision**

**Council Meeting Date: February 15, 2022**

**TOPIC:** Approval to Write Off Outstanding Amounts on Uncollectable Tax Accounts.

**ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:** That Council directs Administration to write off the outstanding balances of \$6,667.76 on Tax Roll 165000 (4639 - 53 street).

**BACKGROUND:** It is a good accounting practice to write off uncollectable accounts to ensure the municipal accounting records are kept clean and accurate. An "uncollectable" account means that the chance of collecting on the account are near nil. For example, it could come from an abandoned tax sale property that was left to the Village to clean up; a situation where the billing was lost in the transfer of property from one owner to another; an administrative practice error where bills went to a non property owner who has left the area.

Administration is asking Council for direction to have the following Tax Accounts written off for a total of \$6,667.79

<b>ROLL NUMBER</b>	<b>YR SOLD</b>	<b>EXPLANATION OF EVENTS</b>	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>
165000	2021	Village acquired property in 2018 through tax sale with outstanding balance of \$6,199.01. In 2019 surplus items from the property were sold and amounts paid applied to the tax roll and demo costs were applied leaving the outstanding balance at \$9,127.76, going into 2021. In December of 2021, the Village sold the property for \$5,100. After legal fees and realtor expenses, \$2,460 was credited to the account leaving \$6,667.76 outstanding. Holding previous owners accountable and collecting the money owing would be difficult with little chance of success.	\$6,667.76

**IMPLICATION OF DECISION**

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** The Village will not receive cost recovery for services provided in the amount of \$6,667.76

**POLICY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS:** None

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:** No practical options

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

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Peter Thomas

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Date

February 2, 2022